

# **EOPS PROGRAMS DIVISION INFORMATION**

**April 2000**

**NOTE FOR POLICE REPRESENTATIVES:** Due to overwhelming demand, beginning in May 2000, the "EOPS Programs Division Information" will be e-mailed to only one police representative per police department. Please e-mail your choice of police representative to: [Diana.Brensilber@state.ma.us](mailto:Diana.Brensilber@state.ma.us). If we do not receive a reply, a representative will be selected from the current recipients from your department. Each month, the "EOPS Programs Division Information" will continue to be posted on our web page at <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj>. We apologize for any inconvenience.

## **Announcements**

**The Violence Against Women Act Grant Program (VAWA)** has developed a new **Sexual Assault Evidence Collection Kit** to assist victims of sexual assault who go to Emergency Rooms for help after the assault. Two new brochures included in the Kit contain information listing each District Attorney's Office and Victim Witness Director, and another listing all the Rape Crisis Programs and hotlines across the Commonwealth. The latter brochure includes "Common Reactions to Rape" and "What Do I Need to Know About Sexual Assault." The Victim Packets were distributed to hospital Emergency Department personnel at a training on Thursday, April 13, 2000 in Marlborough, co-sponsored by the EOPS and the Department of Public Health.

**"Stop the Hate Week"** Governor Cellucci is declaring the week of **May 1 - May 7, 2000** as "Stop the Hate Week." To commemorate the week, schools and communities are encouraged to sponsor awareness activities. These activities range from hosting diversity-oriented theatrical performances (The Children of Terezin and Sojourner Truth - both plays) to inviting a holocaust survivor to speak to area students or the public at a community forum.

**"Hate Crimes Training for Law Enforcement Officers"** Law Enforcement agencies interested in receiving a 2 hour-in-service training to provide a comprehensive overview of hate crimes and their effect on communities and victims may contact Christina Bouras, Executive Director of the Governor's Task Force on Hate Crimes, at 617-727-6300 ext. 25339. Specific topics addressed include: definitions, bias indicators, impact on victims, schools, and communities, legal overview, and proactive steps for prevention of future incidents.

**"National Juvenile Justice Awards"** The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP's) Juvenile Court Centennial Initiative (JCCI) is seeking to provide national recognition to effective juvenile justice programs that have developed exemplary models, innovative approaches, and new and enhanced community collaborations that serve children and youth through its National Juvenile Justice Awards. State, local, and community-based juvenile justice programs that have served delinquent youth age 18 and under for a minimum of 12 months are eligible for consideration for the awards. For further information about the application process, please call Liz Ryan or Christen Smith, JCCI, at 202-637-0590, or e-mail JCCI at [Secondchances@earthlink.net](mailto:Secondchances@earthlink.net).

**"1999 Police Automation Survey"** was due from all Massachusetts Police Departments to the Statistical Analysis Center on April 7, 2000. Information gathered annually from this survey has been extremely useful in addressing the status, needs, and allocation of resources for police technology and related equipment. Surveys submitted after **Friday, April 28, 2000**, will be excluded from any analysis, and your department will be listed in the final report as a non-respondent. For more information, contact Kathy Krasco at (617)727-6300 ext. 25315 or Diana Brensilber at (617)727-6300 ext. 25325.

## **Funding Opportunities**

### ***From the EOPS Programs Division. . . .***

**Title V Local Delinquency Prevention Program Grant.** EOPS Programs Division <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/>

Notice of Intent Deadline: April 14, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: The Notice of Intent enables the Programs Division to determine if a community is in compliance with federal juvenile lockup removal mandates. If found to be in compliance, said community will then be sent the Title V Request for Proposal. Calls will not be accepted from communities requesting information regarding their status of compliance.

Funding: \$723,000.

Grant Period: July 1, 2000 - June 30, 2001

If you have any questions regarding the Title V Program please contact Shannon Legere, Juvenile Justice Specialist, at (617) 727-6300 x25337 or at [shannon.legere@eps.state.ma.us](mailto:shannon.legere@eps.state.ma.us)

**The Disproportionate Minority Confinement (DMC) Request for Response (RFR).** (*Challenge Grant*) EOPS Programs Division <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/>

Request for Response Deadline: May 5, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: This will be a pilot program in Hampden County to address minority overrepresentation and DMC within the juvenile justice system. All local police chiefs, town administrators, and other interested community organizations within Hampden County are eligible to apply.

Funding: \$169,000.

Grant Period: July 1, 2000 - September 30, 2001

If you have any questions regarding the DMC-RFR, please contact Shannon Legere, Juvenile Justice Specialist, at (617) 727-6300 x25337 or at [shannon.legere@eps.state.ma.us](mailto:shannon.legere@eps.state.ma.us)

## ***From the Federal Government. . . .***

**Research and Evaluation on Violence Against Women.** The National Institute of Justice (NIJ) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij>

Application Deadline: May 15, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: Not specified

Maximum Award Amount: NIJ anticipates awarding up to 10 grants of varying amounts with a funding total of \$2,000,000

Grant Period: 12 or 24 months

**Bulletproof Vest Partnership.** Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/BJA/>

Application Deadline: May 13, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: Jurisdictions eligible to apply for this program are general purpose units of local government (such as cities, counties, and municipalities), and the 50 states.

**Weed and Seed Fiscal Year 2000 Program Guide and Application Kit for Competitive Solicitation.** Office of Justice Programs (OJP) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/fundopps.htm>

This involves a two-pronged approach: law enforcement agencies and prosecutors cooperate in "weeding out" criminals who participate in violent crime and drug abuse, attempting to prevent their return to the targeted area; and "seeding" brings human services to the area, encompassing prevention, intervention, treatment, and neighborhood revitalization. A community-orientated policing component bridges weeding and seeding strategies.

Application Deadline: May 1, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible for funding in Fiscal Year 2001, all sites which have received Weed and Seed funding for 5 fiscal years will be required to submit a full new application for Official Recognition by November 30, 2000.

**Corrections and Law Enforcement Family Support: Solicitation for Research, Evaluation, Development, and Demonstration Projects.** (NIJ) <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/nij/funding.htm>

Application Deadline: June 1, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: State and local correctional and/or law enforcement agencies and organizations representing State or local correctional and/or law enforcement personnel are eligible to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: Approximately \$800,000 will be made available. The Act specifies that a grant to a State or local law enforcement or correctional agency may not exceed \$100,000 and that a grant to an organization representing law enforcement or correctional personnel may not exceed \$250,000.

Grant Period: a maximum of 18 months.

**Drug-Free Communities Support Program.** The Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (OJJDP) <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/current.html>

Application Deadline: May 9, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: To be eligible to receive a grant, a coalition must:

- Be a nonprofit, charitable, or educational organization; a unit of local government; or part of or affiliated with an eligible organization or entity.
- Develop a 4-year strategic plan, or enhance an existing plan, to reduce substance abuse among youth using a multi-sector, multi-strategy approach.
- Principal mission is the reduction of substance abuse among youth in a comprehensive and long-term manner.
- Demonstrate that community coalition members have worked together on substance abuse reduction initiatives,
- including initiatives that target the illegal use or abuse of a range of drugs, such as narcotics, depressants, stimulants, hallucinogens, cannabis, inhalants, alcohol, tobacco or other related products.

Grant Period: The project will be funded initially for a 12-month budget period of a 36-month project period.

Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$100,000 will be available for approximately 90 grants for the initial 12-month budget period. Drug-Free Communities Support Program grants require that applicants provide a dollar-for-dollar match.

**Juvenile Mentoring Program (JUMP)** (OJJDP) <http://ojjdp.ncjrs.org/grants/current.html#031000>

This program supports one-to-one mentoring projects for youth at risk of educational failure, of dropping out of school, or involvement in delinquent activities, including gangs and substance abuse.

Application Deadline: May 23, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: Applications are invited from Local Educational Agencies (LEAs) and public/private non-profit organizations. National organizations and previous JUMP grantees are not eligible for these funds.

Maximum Award Amount: Up to \$210,000 is available for each award

Grant Period: 3-year budget and project periods

**FY 2000 Community Policing Discretionary Grants** - The Department of Justice (DOJ) and the Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) <http://www.usdoj.gov/cops/gpa/default.htm>

The Tribal Resources Grant Program is designed to meet the most serious needs of law enforcement in Indian communities through a broadened, comprehensive hiring program that will offer a "menu of options" from salary and benefits for new police personnel to funding for law enforcement training and equipment for new and existing officers.

Application Deadline: May 5, 2000

Eligibility Requirements: All Federally Recognized Tribes with established police departments or existing police efforts are eligible to apply. Tribes that wish to establish police departments and meet specific criteria are eligible to apply.

Maximum Award Amount: Total Funds Available: \$40,000,000

Grant Period: One year

## **Research and Statistics**

**"Social Workers in Police Stations Address Youth Crime"** An innovative initiative in Boston, Mass., uses social workers in police stations to place troubled youth in crime-prevention programs. <http://www.jointogether.org/jtodirect.html?U=39513&O=262662>

**"Bulletproof Vests Become Popular Among Criminals"** Police in Pennsylvania are concerned about the trend of gun-wielding criminals using bulletproof vests. <http://www.jointogether.org/jtodirect.html?U=39513&O=262633>

**"Self-Reported Delinquency by 12-Year Olds."** Findings from the National Longitudinal Study of Youth 1997 (NLSY97) include:

- One in seven 12-year-olds has engaged in assaultive behaviors
- Males and females, whites and nonwhites, and rural and urban 12-year-olds were equally likely to report that they had engaged in most deviant activities.
- One in twenty 12-year-olds carried a handgun in the past 12 months.
- Similar proportions of males and females reported recent participation in many problem or delinquent behaviors. The same was true for white and nonwhite youth. <http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/fact.html#fs200003>

**"Challenging the Myths"** (NCJ178993) Earlier in this decade, certain researchers promoted a theory of the emergence of a generation of young, violent "superpredators" in the next century. This Bulletin takes a close look at the juvenile crime numbers and demonstrates that the predicted emergence of a new kind of violent youth is not supported by the most recent data. Statistical evidence presented in the Bulletin indicates that the level of predatory crime such as rape, robbery, and murder committed by juveniles have dropped significantly over the past several years. <http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/violvict.html#178993>

**"Kids and Guns"** (NCJ 178994) While other types of homicides have remained constant, the number of juveniles killed with a firearm increased greatly between 1987 and 1993. A close look at the numbers shows that the rise in murders of juveniles from the mid-1980's to the 1993 peak year was firearm related, as was the subsequent decline in juvenile murders that occurred between 1993 and 1997. This Bulletin provides an overview of national statistics involving firearms and juveniles as victims and as offenders. <http://ojdp.ncjrs.org/pubs/violvict.html#178994>

## **Resources**

**"First Response to Victims of Crime"** (NCJ 176971) This document was prepared by the National Sheriffs' Association and offers law enforcement officers basic guidelines to observe when approaching and interacting with five general categories of crime victims: elderly victims, victims of sexual assault, child victims, victims of domestic violence, and survivors of homicide victims. Also provided is a list of national hotlines and other toll-free numbers to assist officers in helping victims find the resources they need to cope with and recover from their victimization. <http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/ovc/new/pubs.htm>.

**"The Bureau of Justice Assistance Evaluation Web Site, The First Year: An Annual Report"** This Web site provides State administrative agency staff, criminal justice planners, researchers, evaluators, and **local practitioners**, with a variety of resources for evaluating criminal justice programs. It provides instructional materials to assist in planning, designing, and conducting evaluations of criminal justice programs, as well as materials that will be useful for developing and enhancing evaluation capabilities. <http://www.ncjrs.org/pdffiles1/bja/181250.pdf>.

## **Contact Information**

Please visit the Programs Division web site at: <http://www.state.ma.us/ccj/>

Department of Justice agency web sites:

NCJRS	<a href="http://www.ncjrs.org/">http://www.ncjrs.org/</a>
OJP	<a href="http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/">http://www.ojp.usdoj.gov/</a>
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